

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, section 33 of the present Act says:

33. The Minister may, with the approval of the Governor in Council, make regulations relating to the quorum of a District Authority, the procedure to be followed in matters coming before District Authorities for adjudication, and the procedure to be followed in appeals from adjudications of District Authorities.

I think perhaps you are right, that the present Act does not set forth, except in a blanket clause giving it power to make regulations—it does not set forth specific details which are now included in the Bill.

Are there any further questions? If not, I would like to express to you, Mr. Jones, and to Mr. Gregory, our deep appreciation for your having come here and made these representations to our committee. I can assure you that the committee have listened with close attention to your recommendations and your resolutions. Thank you very much.

Mr. JONES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. GILLIS: Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask one question before we adjourn.

The CHAIRMAN: We are going on for a little while, but you ask your question.

Mr. GILLIS: I would like to ask one question of Mr. Bowler, and it refers to a question raised by Mrs. Darville as to the Imperial veterans' widow whose husband passes away before he has been 20 years resident in Canada. Well, we know that the recipient of the war veterans allowance, both the widow and the ex-serviceman did suffer because of inadequate income, but I think the important problem as far as the Imperial widow is concerned—the widow who is in Canada for 20 years—was because the husband did not complete the 20 years residence before his death. I would like to ask Mr. Bowler if he has any figures on the number of veterans affected and just how strongly he thinks that matter should be pressed before we complete our sessions on the bill. I think he is the person who could give us the information. He is the representative of the ministry and he has the facts and figures. I would just like to have that on the record with respect to that particular problem, and I think it is an outstanding point.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gillis, I do not think I need to point out to Mr. Bowler that he is entitled to the protection of the chair in matters of policy as a representative of one government speaking to another. I would be very happy, and I am sure the committee would, if he can throw any further light on our question as to how many of these people are involved. But I think I need not say, Mr. Bowler, that the chair absolves you from any attempt to answer the second part of the question and to attempt to express to this committee and through it to the government views in respect to what we should do. You have been too long in the civil service to be caught by that. You may answer as discreetly as you wish. Can you give us that information, Mr. Bowler?

Mr. BOWLER: I have not the information at the moment but I can supply it for you. I can have a breakdown prepared and submitted to your committee at an early date. You will then have a clear picture of the problem. I think I should leave it at that.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Captain Bowler.

Mr. GILLIS: The committee will then have a complete picture of it. This is a very real problem, and we want to do what we can for these veterans.

The CHAIRMAN: Before we adjourn, as I said at the beginning we have with us today Dr. Wallace Wilson, who is, I am informed, a departmental authority on the problem of geriatrics—and I will not even attempt to indicate to you what that is—but I am going to ask Dr. Warner, the director general